2011 Consumer Confidence Report Chestnut Ridge System

Is my water safe?

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

Where does my water come from?

The Chestnut Ridge Water System obtains its water from the Chestnut Ridge Reservoir, located off Webb Road in Bethel. The Chestnut Ridge System serves approximately 3000 customers on the Southeast side of town. There are approximately 7.1 miles of water mains in the system. Two storage tanks hold roughly 275,000 gallons. In 2011 the Chestnut Ridge Plant produced 60,294,000 gallons. Average daily production was just over 165,000 gallons. The Chestnut Ridge Plant is a conventional rapid sand treatment plant. Treatment is accomplished through coagulation, flocculation, sedimentation and filtration. Polyaluminium Chloride is used for coagulation purposes, soda ash (sodium carbonate) is used for pH ajustment and liquid chlorine is used for disinfection. A blended phosphate is used for corrosion control and sequestering purposes. In 2011 several valves were replaced in the Chestnut Ridge Plant and several aging hydrants were replaced in the distribution system. As required by State and Federal Regulations, all finished water storage tanks were inspected and cleaned in 2011.

Source water assessment and its availability

A Source Water Assessment of the Chestnut Ridge Watershed was recently conducted by the Department of Public Health's Drinking Water Division. The assessment report can be found on the DPH's website at:

http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/Water/SourceProtection/Assessments/Assessments.html. The assessment found that this drinking water source has an overall susceptibility rating of LOW, to potential sources of contamination. Additional source water assessment information can be found at the Environmental Protection Agency's website at: www.epa.gov/safewater/protect/swap.html.

Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity: microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses; organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

How can I get involved?

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Description of Water Treatment Process

Your water is treated in a "treatment train" (a series of processes applied in a sequence) that includes coagulation, flocculation, sedimentation, filtration, and disinfection. Coagulation removes dirt and other particles suspended in the source water by adding chemicals (coagulants) to form tiny sticky particles called "floc," which attract the dirt particles. Flocculation (the formation of larger flocs from smaller flocs) is achieved using gentle, constant mixing. The heavy particles settle naturally out of the water in a sedimentation basin. The clear water then moves to the filtration process where the water passes through sand, gravel, charcoal or other filters that remove even smaller particles. A small amount of chlorine or other disinfection method is used to kill bacteria and other microorganisims (viruses, cysts, etc.) that may be in the water before water is stored and distributed to homes and businesses in the community.

Water Conservation Tips

Did you know that the average U.S. household uses approximately 400 gallons of water per day or 100 gallons per person per day? Luckily, there are many low-cost and no-cost ways to conserve water. Small changes can make a big difference – try one today and soon it will become second nature.

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- Shut off water while brushing your teeth, washing your hair and shaving and save up to 500 gallons a month.
- Use a water-efficient showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Water plants only when necessary.
- Fix leaky toilets and faucets. Faucet washers are inexpensive and take only a few minutes to replace. To check your toilet for a leak, place a few drops of food coloring in the tank and wait. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it or replacing it with a new, more efficient model can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered. Apply water only as fast as the soil can absorb it and during the cooler parts of the day to reduce evaporation.
- Teach your kids about water conservation to ensure a future generation that uses water wisely. Make it a family effort to reduce next month's water bill!
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Cross Connection Control Survey

The purpose of this survey is to determine whether a cross-connection may exist at your home or business. A cross connection is an unprotected or improper connection to a public water distribution system that may cause contamination or pollution to enter the system. We are responsible for enforcing cross-connection control regulations and insuring that no contaminants can, under any flow conditions, enter the distribution system. If you have any of the devices listed below please contact us so that we can discuss the issue, and if needed, survey your connection and assist you in isolating it if that is necessary.

- Boiler/radiant heater (water heaters not included)
- Underground lawn sprinkler system
- Pool or hot tub (whirlpool tubs not included)
- Additional source(s) of water on the property
- Decorative pond
- Watering trough

Source Water Protection Tips

Protection of drinking water is everyone's responsibility. You can help protect your community's drinking water source in several ways:

- Eliminate excess use of lawn and garden fertilizers and pesticides they contain hazardous chemicals that can reach your drinking water source.
- Pick up after your pets.
- If you have your own septic system, properly maintain your system to reduce leaching to water sources or consider connecting to a public water system.
- Dispose of chemicals properly; take used motor oil to a recycling center.
- Volunteer in your community. Find a watershed or wellhead protection organization in your community and volunteer to help. If there are no active groups, consider starting one. Use EPA's Adopt Your Watershed to locate groups in your community, or visit the Watershed Information Network's How to Start a Watershed Team.
- Organize a storm drain stenciling project with your local government or water supplier. Stencil a message next to the street drain reminding people "Dump No Waste Drains to River" or "Protect Your Water." Produce and distribute a flyer for households to remind residents that storm drains dump directly into your local water body.

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	Disinfectants & Disinfectant By-Products							
(There is convincing e	evidence th	at additi	on of a dis	sinfect	ant is 1	necessary	for control of	of microbial contaminants)
Haloacetic Acids	NA	60	17.2	ND	67.5	2011		By-product of drinking water
(HAA5) (ppb)	- ,						No	chlorination
Chlorine (as Cl2)	4	4	2.76	1.5	2.76	2011		Water additive used to control
(ppm)	·	•	2., 0	1.5	2.70	2011	No	microbes
Total Organic	NA	TT	59	NA		2011		Naturally present in the
Carbon(% Removal)	1111	- 1 1	3,	11/11		2011	No	environment
TTHMs [Total	NI A	00	50.2	ND	226.6	2011		By-product of drinking water
Trihalomethanes]	NA	80	59.3	ND	236.6	2011	No	disinfection
(ppb)								
Inorganic Contamin	ants							
Sodium (optional)		28	27.7	NA		2011		Erosion of natural deposits;
(ppm)				·			No	Leaching
Microbiological Conta	minants							
Turbidity (NTU)	NA	0.3	99.5	NA		2011	No	Soil runoff
								es a TT violation. The highest
single measurement was	0.46. Any n	neasuren	ent in exce	ss of 1	is a vic	olation unle	ss otherwise	approved by the state.
Total Coliform						2011		Naturally present in the
(positive	0	1	0	NA		2011	N	
samples/month)							No	environment
Radioactive Contamin	ants							
Radium (combined								
226/228) (pCi/L)	0	5	0.37	0.37	0.92	2010	No	Erosion of natural deposits
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Contaminants	MCLG	<u>AL</u>	Water	Dat	<u>e</u> <u>E</u>	xceeding A	AL AL	Typical Source
Inorganic Contamin	Inorganic Contaminants							
Copper - action level					T			Corrosion of household
at consumer taps	1.3	1.3	0.4	201	0	0	No	plumbing systems; Erosion
(ppm)								of natural deposits
Lead - action level at								Corrosion of household
consumer taps (ppb)	0	15	4	201	0	0	No	1 8 7 /
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<u>Contaminants</u>	MRDLG	MRDL	Water	<u>Violation</u>	<u>Typical Source</u>
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	ND	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	ND	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrite [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	1	1	ND	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Alpha emitters (pCi/L)	0	15	ND	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium (ug/L)	0	30	ND	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Unit Descriptions					
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ug/L	ug/L: Number of micrograms of substance in one liter of water				
ppm	ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)				
ppb	ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (μ g/L)				
pCi/L	pCi/L: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)				
NTU	NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Units. Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.				
positive samples/month	positive samples/month: Number of samples taken monthly that were found to be positive				
NA	NA: not applicable				
ND	ND: Not detected				
NR	NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended.				

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TT	TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.				
AL	AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.				
Variances and Exemptions	Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.				
MRDLG	MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.				
MRDL	MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.				
MNR	MNR: Monitored Not Regulated				
MPL	MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level				

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2011 Consumer Confidence Report-Eureka-Maple Avenue Wellfield

Is my water safe?

Last year, as in years past, your tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state drinking water health standards. Local Water vigilantly safeguards its water supplies and once again we are proud to report that our system has not violated a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standard.

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Where does my water come from?

The main supply for the Eureka/Maple Avenue Wellfield System is two gravel packed wells in the Maple Avenue Wellfield. These two wells supply the majority of the water to the system. The Eureka Filtration Plant is on standby, and is only used during emergencies. This system serves approximately 7000 customers through 32.7 miles of water mains, in the downtown and western side of town. In 2011 the Maple Avenue Wells produced 230,520,000 gallons, for a daily average of 632,000 gallons. The Eureka plant is exercised weekly so that it is ready to produce water in an emergency. In 2011 the Eureka Filter Plant was online for one day, producing 22,320 gallons. Water from the Maple Avenue Wells is treated with liquid chlorine for disinfection, and a blended phosphate is added for corrosion control and sequestering purposes. The Eureka Filtration Plant is a package type plant which uses the conventional treatment processes, which include coagulation, flocculation, sedimentation and filtration through two rapid sand filters. Polyaluminium Chloride is used for coagulation, liquid chlorine is used for disinfection and a blended phosphate is used for corrosion control and sequestering purposes. In 2011 improvements to the system included the inspection and cleaning of the finished water storage tanks at the Eureka Plant, and the replacement of several aging hydrants in the distribution system.

Source water assessment and its availability

A Source Water Assessment of the Maple Avenue Wellfield and the Eureka/Mountain Pond sources was recently conducted by the Department of Public Health's Drinking Water Division. The updated assessment report can be found on the DPH's website: http://www.dph.state.us/BRS/Water/SourceProtection/Assessment/Assessments.html. The assessments found that these drinking water sources have a LOW susceptibility to potential sources of contamination. Additional source water assessment imformation can be found at the EPA'S website: www.epa.gov/safewater/protect/swap.html.

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Disinfectants & Disinfe	ectant By-P	roducts						
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Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	NA	60	17.2	0	67.5	2011	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine (as Cl2) (ppm)	4	4	2.2	0.82	2.2	2011	No	Water additive used to control microbes
TTHMs [Total								By-product of drinking water
Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA	80	59.3	7.2	236.6	2011	No	disinfection
Inorganic Contamin	ants							
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.06	0.05	0.06	2011	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	2.2	1.9	2.2	2011	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (optional)		28	24.8	21.3	24.8	2011	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching
Copper - source water (ppm)		$0.01_{ m PL}$	$0.01(M_{\rm I}$	_{√D} 0.01		2011	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Microbiological Contaminants								
Turbidity (NTU)	NA	5	0.16	NA		2011	No	Soil runoff
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Total Coliform (positive samples/month)	0	1	0	NA		2011	No	Naturally present in the environment

Radioactive Contamin	ants								
Alpha emitters (pCi/L)	0	15	1.99	1.14	1.99	2010	N	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium (combined 226/228) (pCi/L)	0	5	0.92	0.38	0.92	2010	N	No	Erosion of natural deposits
<u>Contaminants</u>	MCLG	<u>AL</u>	Your <u>Water</u>	Sam _j <u>Dat</u>	j	# Sampl xceeding A		Exceeds <u>AL</u>	Typical Source
Inorganic Contamin	Inorganic Contaminants								
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.4	201	.0	0		No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead - action level at consumer taps (ppb)	0	15	4	201	.0	0		No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

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